## NEW JERSEY OPEN-ENDED SCORING RUBRIC

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| 4      | A 4-point response:  
  ● clearly demonstrates an understanding of the task.  
  ● completes all requirements of the question(s).  
  ● provides an insightful and detailed explanation/opinion that includes or extends ideas from the text.  
  *The response includes a well-written topic sentence, four or more detailed supporting sentences, and a closing sentence that effectively summarizes the main idea. The response also includes an advanced vocabulary, transitions, compound and complex sentences, and subordinating conjunctions.* |
| 3      | A 3-point response:  
  ● demonstrates an understanding of the task.  
  ● completes all requirements of the question(s).  
  ● provides some explanation/opinion that includes ideas from the text for support.  
  *The response includes a topic sentence, at least three detailed supporting sentences, and a closing sentence. The response also includes an adequate vocabulary, transitions, compound and/or complex sentences, and subordinating conjunctions.* |
| 2      | A 2-point response:  
  ● may address all of the requirements, but demonstrates only a partial understanding of the task.  
  ● uses text incorrectly or with limited success.  
  ● includes an inconsistent or confusing explanation.  
  *The response may include a topic sentence, three supporting sentences, and a closing sentence but does not include adequate ideas from the text for support. The response also does not include an adequate vocabulary, transitions, compound and/or complex sentences, and subordinating conjunctions.* |
| 1      | A 1-point response:  
  ● demonstrates minimal understanding of the task.  
  ● does not complete the requirements.  
  ● provides only an unclear reference or no use of the text for support.  
  *The response does not include a topic sentence, at least one supporting sentence, and a closing sentence and does not include adequate ideas from the text for support. The response also does not include an adequate vocabulary, transitions, compound and/or complex sentences, or subordinating conjunctions.* |
| 0      | A 0-point response is completely irrelevant or off-topic. |